

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sue King Atchley of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Sue King Atchley of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Sue Atchley served with distinction as a member of the Tennessee State Senate during the 107th General Assembly, having been appointed by the Knox County Commission and sworn in on July 25, 2011, to represent Senate District 6 and fill the unexpired term of Senator Jamie Woodson, a seat formerly held by her husband, Senator Ben Atchley, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, born on August 4, 1933, Sue King Atchley was a 1951 graduate of Young High School where she was a cheerleader, Y-Teen Singing Director, and Jive-Ette Social Chairman; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Sue Atchley was a member of the South Knoxville Optimist Club and the Opti-Mrs. Club, a former member of the Doyle High School Athletic Boosters Club, and a current commissioner for the Knox-Chapman Utility District; and

WHEREAS, a woman of many talents, she played on various bowling teams at Palace Bowling Lanes and shared her love of music across East Tennessee as part of the Prospectors Band, in community choirs, and as a soloist; and

WHEREAS, Sue Atchley was also a member of the Knox County Republican Club and served for many years as an Election Day precinct officer at Mt. Olive School; she volunteered for numerous political campaigns and worked tirelessly throughout the many years of her husband's tenure in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she evinced her faith as a longtime member of Graystone Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a deacon, Presbyterian Women officer, choir member, and Kitchen Angel; and

WHEREAS, Sue Atchley was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of sixty-eight years, Senator Ben Atchley, Jr., she is survived by her son, Jerry Atchley (Cathy); her daughter, Cindy Atchley; granddaughters, Lori Maupin (Jeremy) and Jennifer Atchley; great-grandsons, Ayden Maupin and Andrew Maupin; brothers-in-law, Bob Atchley (Joyce) and Blaine Atchley (Carol); cousin, Wayne King; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Sue Atchley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sue King Atchley, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Sue Atchley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.